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SUBJECT: PLANNING FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978 IO/UCS ACTIVITIES

1. U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO IS PREPARING ITS PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978 AND, IN THIS CONNECTION, HAS CAREFULLY REVIEWED SECTION 7.4 OF 19 C/5 APPROVED RE COOPERATION WITH NATIONAL COMMISSIONS. INFORMATION IS DESIRED ON POINTS BELOW ASAP IN ORDER TO FACILITATE PLANNING.

2. PARAS 7113 AND 7114 PROVIDE FOR ONE CONSULTATION AND ONE TRAINING COURSE. WE ARE AWARE OF TRAINING COURSE IN NOVEMBER 1977 AND HAVE DESIGNATED CAROL COLLOTON OF IO/UCS STAFF. WE ALSO RECENTLY WROTE NAJMAN OF INTEREST AND DESIRABILITY OF ATTENDANCE OF NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GUERRA IN SAME COURSE AT U.S. NATCOM EXPENSE AND WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION AND COPY OF AGENDA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE ALSO NEED KNOW WHICH NATIONAL COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT
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INTENDS INVITE TO COLLECTIVE CONSULTATION (PARA 7113) AND, IF U.S. IS INVOLVED, WHEN CONSULTATION IS TO TAKE PLACE AND ON WHAT SUBJECTS.

3. PARA 7116 INDICATES SECRETARIAT INTENDS TO CONVENE CATEGORY VII MEETING ON "THE ROLE OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS

AS INFORMATION ORGANS." THIS MEETING IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO U.S. NATCOM NOW THAT WE HAVE FULLTIME INFORMATION OFFICER. WHEN WILL THE MEETING CONVENE? WILL U.S. NATCOM BE INVITED(AND IF NOT WHY NOT)?WHICH AREA OF SECRETARIAT IS PREPARING THIS MEETING? AND WHAT IS STATUS OF PREPARATION OF DOCUMENTATION?

4. PARAS 7119 AND 7120 INDICATE THAT A DRAFT NATIONAL COMMISSIONS CHARTER WILL BE SUBMITTED TO 103RD EXECUTIVE BOARD THIS FALL. OBVIOUSLY, THIS MATTER OF INTEREST TO U.S. NATCOM AND ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (WHICH MEETS IN WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 18-19) AND WE DESIRE ALL INFORMATION U.S. PERMDEL CAN OBTAIN ABOUT STATUS OF DRAFT. IN PARTICULAR, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW HOW SECRETARIAT INTENDS TO PREPARE DRAFT AND WHICH SECTION WILL HAVE THIS RESPONSIBILITY. PARA 7120 INDICATES THIS WILL BE DONE IN COURSE OF COLLECTIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES WHICH (BY INFERENCE) WOULD BE HELD PRIOR TO 103RD EXECUTIVE BOARD.

5. U.S. NATCOM ALSO INTERESTED IN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE NATIONAL COMMISSION REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL MEETINGS. SPECIFICALLY, (A) WHERE AND WHEN WILL NINTH REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF ARAB NATIONAL COMMISSIONS BE HELD? (PARA 7110); (B) WHEN AND WHERE NEXT CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE (I.E. LATIN AMERICA) SCHEDULED TO BE HELD?; (C) LIKEWISE FOR THE SUB-REGIONAL MEETING OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS FROM THE CARIBBEAN AREA WHICH IS USUALLY HELD SEPARATELY.
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6. LOOKING AHEAD, U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION PLANS MAKE GREATER EFFORT INVOLVE PROFESSIONAL AMERICANS IN UNESCO-SPONSORED MEETINGS PARTICULARLY ON CATEGORIES III THRU VIII(I.E. NON-GOVERNMENTAL). WE HAVE PROVISIONAL LIST OF UNESCO MEETINGS BY SECTOR FOR 1977 (DOCUMENT COL/MD/5), BUT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING SOONEST AN UPDATE FOR 1977, IF ANY EXISTS, AND ONE FOR 1978 HOWEVER PROVISIONAL. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPY OF EXISTING DIRECTORY OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS (PARA 7118) AS WELL AS UPDATED MODEL WHEN AVAILABLE. CIRCULAR LETTER 2549 ALSO MAKE REFERENCE TO A "GUIDE TO NATIONAL COMMISSIONS." WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DIRECTORY AND GUIDE OR IS ONE INTENDED TO REPLACE THE OTHER?

7. RE U.S. REQUESTS UNDER UNESCO PARTICIPATION PROGRAM, U.S. NATCOM IS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF PERMDEL EFFORTS TO

OBTAIN DOLS 41,500 FOR UNITED STATES. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL

IF PERMDEL COULD PRESS ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS OF VARIOUS SECTORS TO EXPEDITE TRANSMISSION OF INDIVIDUAL CHECKS TO NATIONAL COMMISSION SINCE PLANNING FOR ACTIVITIES IN QUESTION IS ALREADY UNDERWAY. THUS FAR WE HAVE RECEIVED ONLY ONE CHECK IN AMOUNT DOLS 4,000 FOR A CONFERENCE ON FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION AT TIME AND LIFE BUILDING IN NEW YORK SPONSORED BY FLETCHER SCHOOL OF LAW AND DIPLOMACY, TUFTS UNIVERSITY.

8. FINALLY, WHEN AND WHERE WILL INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE ON CULTURAL POLICIES FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN BE CONVENED (PARA 4122)? VANCE

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